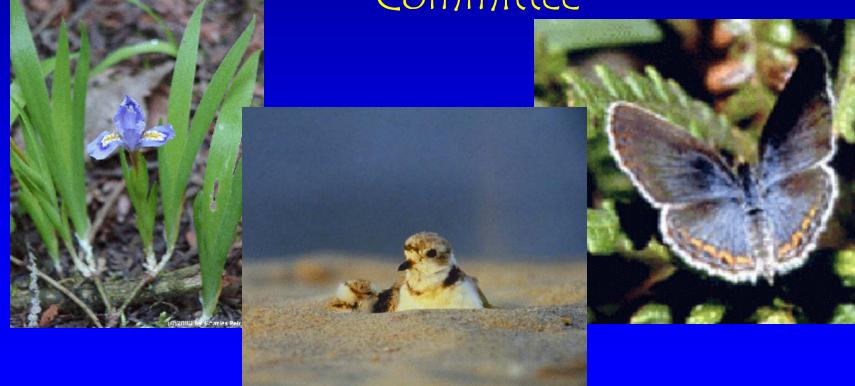


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Endangered Species Committee

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Endangered Species Committee

Background

- ➤ The Great Lakes Basin is home to approximately 30 federally listed endangered, threatened and candidate species. Many of these species are found nowhere else in the world.
- Several species share common aspects of distribution and ecological association, such as Great Lakes shoreline.

Gneat Lakes Basin Endangered Species Committee

Committee Goal

Through existing and future partnerships the Endangered Species Committee will work to coordinate, support and implement basin-wide actions to further endangered species recovery efforts on a landscape scale.

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Committee Objectives

- 1) Build multi-stakeholder partnerships for basin-wide recovery
- 2) Identify and support multi-species recovery actions
- 3) Facilitate basin-wide exchange of information on species status, distribution and recovery
- 4) Identify and pursue potential funding sources
- 5) Build upon existing efforts to develop a conservation strategy for the basin

Potential Focus Areas



Lakeshore Habitats/Dune Systems

Oak Savannah/Prairies





Coastal Wetlands/Fens

Streams and Small Rivers



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Proposed FY'04 Actions

- 1) Nominate and select a committee chairman and cochairman, build membership
- 2) Poll field installations to identify priority "1" recovery actions
- 3) Select a set of potential "target species" to focus recovery efforts
- 4) Lay the foundation of a team strategy
- 5) Fund and implement an initial recovery effort
- 6) Sponsor a regional recovery coordination meeting

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FY'04 Accomplishments

- 1) Selected co-chairs (R. Niver, L. Tewinkel, J.Dingledine)
- 2) Developed short-term and long-term priorities
- 3) Secured Service membership and solicited input on priorities
- 4) Selected initial focus area for committee action
- 5) Began process of identifying external partners



FY'04 Accomplishments

Set Short-term and Long-term Priorities:

Resources: Staff, partners, recovery plans, etc.

Activities: Calls, meetings, outreach, grant proposals, web page, etc.

Outputs: Database, Web page, materials, strategy

Short-term, Mid-term, Long-term Outputs: Membership, funding, strategy, conservation/recovery



FY'04 Accomplishments

Built Membership and Interest:

- 1) Hosted R3/R5 Conference Calls
- 2) Initiated External Contacts/Database Dev.
- 3) Identified potential partnership effort
 - a) Partners Program
 - b) Landowner Incentive Program
 - c) Mitchell satyr working Group
 - d) Eastern Massasauga CCHA



FY'04 Accomplishments

Built Membership and Interest (Cont.):

- 4) Set objectives/goals for external participation
- 5) Identified project ideas

FY'04 Accomplishments

Habitat Focus: Inland wetlands/fens/bogs

Species: Bog turtle, Mitchell's satyr butterfly,

Eastern massasauga rattlesnake, Hine's

emerald dragonfly

Partners: State agencies, NGO's, Land

Trusts, Landowners

Actions: Surveys, invasive species

management, outreach, Intra-

service coord., grant writing



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Proposed FY'05 Actions

- 1) Build external partnerships
- 2) Continue Intra-Service coordination
- 3) Secure funding for an initial recovery effort
- 4) Implement initial recovery action
- 5) Update the GLBET Web Page
- 6) Organize a regional recovery coordination meeting
- 7) Others?

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• Feedback?

